



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2622

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Sir:

In reply to the May 25, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 14-16, 19 and 21-22 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 14-16, 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Maruyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,272). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In particular, in this application, the priority date of the priority document Japanese Patent Application No. 10-027779 filed January 26, 1998 was claimed.

Because Maruyama has a filing date of April 30, 1998 which is after the priority document's filing date of January 26, 1998, it is respectfully submitted that Maruyama cannot be used as prior art against the pending claims 14-16, 19, 21 and 22.

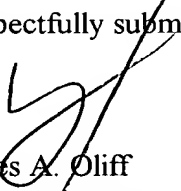
English translation of the priority document will be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as soon as it is available.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14-16, 19, 21 and 22 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14-16, 19, 21 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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